

Appl. No. : 09/283,120
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Addition of Claims

The Applicants hereby adds claims 47 through 52. Claims 47 through 52 are all properly classified in the elected claim group VI. The examiner's attention is directed to MPEP § 809.03 which discusses the effect of linking claims on a restriction requirement. Linking claims are claims that include subject matter from more than one group.

CONCLUSION

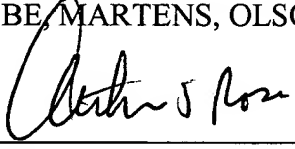
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If, however, any questions remain, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned so that any such matter may be promptly resolved.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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